Employee Benefits Corporation

Standard Health FSA Eligible Expenses

There are two types of healthcare FSAs: a standard health FSA and a limited health FSA. Your standard health FSA allows you to pay for eligible medical, vision, and dental expenses that are not covered by another health plan.

Examples of Eligible Expenses for Standard Health FSAs:

Dental Expenses

- Dental X-Rays
- Exams/Teeth Cleanings, Gum Treatments
- Fillings, Crowns/Bridges
- Oral Surgery, Extractions, Dentures
- Orthodontia/Braces

Vision Expenses

- Contact Lenses, Contact Lens Solution and Cleaners
- Eye Examinations
- Eyeglasses, Reading Glasses, Prescription Sunglasses
- Laser Eye Surgeries, Radial Keratotomy/LASIK

Out-of-Pocket Uncovered Medical Care Expenses

- Copays, Coinsurance, Deductible Expenses
- Prescribed Medication (including insulin and birth control)
- Prescribed Vitamins

Lab Exams/Tests

- Blood Tests, Spinal Fluid Tests, Urine/Stool Analyses
- Cardiographs
- Diagnostic Fees, Laboratory Fees
- X-Rays
- At-Home COVID-19 Testing

Medical Treatments/Procedures

- Acupuncture, Chiropractor
- Hearing Exams, Hearing Aids and Batteries
- Individual Behavioral or Mental Health
- Infertility, In-vitro Fertilization
- Inpatient treatment for addiction to alcohol/drugs
- Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy
- Sterilization, Vasectomy and Vasectomy Reversals
- Vaccinations and Immunizations
- Well Baby Care

Medical Supplies and Services

- Abdominal/Back Supports, Arch Supports/Orthopedic Insoles (not for general comfort) or Diabetic Shoes
- Blood Pressure Monitors
- Breast Pumps and Lactation Supplies
- Compression Hosiery above 30 mmHg
- Contraceptives, Norplant Insertion or Removal
- Counseling (except for Marriage and Family)
- Crutches, Wheelchair, Oxygen Equipment, Splints/Casts
- Medic Alert Bracelet or Necklace
- Hospital and Ambulance Services
- Insulin Supplies, Syringes
- Guide Dog (for visually/hearing impaired person)
- Mastectomy Bras, Prosthesis
- Medical Miles, Tolls, Parking, or Transportation Expenses (essential to medical care)
- Pregnancy Tests, Pre-Natal Vitamins

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Over the Counter (OTC) Products

- Allergy, Anti-Itch, Antihistamine Medicines, Eye Drops
- Digestive Tract Relief Medications, Antacids, Anti-Diarrhea Medications, Laxatives
- Anti-Nausea Medications, Motion Sickness Pills
- Cold and Flu Medications, Cough Drops & Syrups, Decongestants, Nasal Sinus Sprays, Sore Throat Spray, Sinus Medications, Throat Lozenges, Vapor Rubs
- First Aid Creams, Diaper Rash Ointments, Calamine Lotion, Bug Bite Medication, Wart Remover Treatments, Special Ointments/Burn Ointments, Rubbing Alcohol
- Menstrual Pain and Cramp Relief Medication
- Menstrual Products, including Tampons and Pads
- Pain Relievers, Analgesics, Aspirin, Fever Reducers, Muscle/Joint Pain Relievers
- Smoking Cessation Products, Nicotine Gum/Patches
- Sunscreen with at least SPF 15
- Athletes Foot Creams and Powders, Cold Sore Remedies, Hemorrhoid Medications, Lice and Scabies Treatments, Yeast Infection Treatments

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Prevent Spread of COVID-19

- Face masks (disposable or cloth), with multiple layers of material and with nose wire
- Hand sanitizer rubs and hand sanitizing wipes with at least 60% alcohol content

This list is not meant to be all inclusive. Other expenses not listed may also qualify. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Examples of Ineligible Expenses for Standard Health FSAs:

We're commonly asked which expenses are not eligible for payment. Here are some examples, but the list is not all inclusive.

- Canceled Appointment Fees
- Drugs or treatments that are illegal under Federal law
- Cosmetic Surgery, Treatments, or Procedures
- Toiletries or Sundry Items
- Vitamins or Supplements for General Health
- Food and meals that replace regular nutritional requirements
- Household cleaning products, including surface cleaning wipes
- Face shields, neck gaiters, or face masks with vents/valves
- Fitness expenses such as gym memberships, athletic gear, and exercise equipment when used for an individual's general health

Personal care items or services for general health are not usually eligible, but if your health care provider recommends an otherwise personal product or service to treat a specific diagnosis, you can submit the expense for reimbursement with a Letter of Medical Necessity.

This is a letter from your health care provider that includes a recommendation of the item or service to treat your diagnosis, and the duration of the recommendation. Depending on the expense, you may have to provide additional documentation to show the expense would not have been incurred "but for" the medical condition.

Sometimes a personal or general use item may be specialized for the specific purpose of treating or alleviating a medical condition. In this case, only the excess cost of the specialized item over the non-specialized item can be reimbursed. A Letter of Medical Necessity may be requested for these items as well.

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